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FINEST AMERICAN
AND EUROPEAN
DAHLIAS

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BEDFORD DAHLIA GARDENS

133 WEST GLENDALE - - - BEDFORD, OHIO

Greeting for 1939 to our Dahlia Friends

It is our pleasure to offer to you, in this list, some of the finest European and American dahlias. We grow a majority of cactus varieties, because of their beauty and usefulness as a cutflower, and because of their freeflowering habits and long wiry stems. They have excellent keeping qualities, lasting a long time in water, when cut.

Our roots are field grown and only those varieties which proved satisfactory in our garden, are listed. All roots used for propagating, have been selected and marked, in the field, before digging time, assuring you and ourselves the best in plants.

Our plants are grown in our own greenhouse, from base cuttings. Only a reasonable number of cuttings taken from each root, and all plants well hardened off in our modern coldframes and shipped from three inch pots, ready to be set out in the garden.

Priced as low as possible, our cuttings are well rooted and individually wrapped, making it convenient for you to pot them, that they will continue their proper growth without any delay.

We have good success in growing dahlias and perhaps some of our methods will be helpful to you.

Plow or spade the soil not less than 12" deep, and see that you have good drainage.

When planting our dahlias we fertilize with bone meal and muriate of potash, a little of each in every hill, and mixed well into the soil.

Never allow the ground to bake and crack. Cultivate often, quite deep up to about July 15, then more shallow to August 15. A top dressing of 2-8-10 should be applied at this time, not any closer than 6 inches to the stalk. Scatter lightly over the ground.

If possible, mulch your dahlias after cultivation has stopped. Grass cuttings, straw, leaves or peat are all good.

Spray your plants at least once every two weeks. We use Red Arrow and find it very effective for the control of red spider, thrip and leaf-hopper.

Pull up any stunted or diseased plants.

If your plants are in need of water, give the ground a good soaking, as watering just the top of ground, brings the fibrous roots to the surface, where the heat may damage them.

Manure or compost plowed into the ground in the fall is very good for soil lacking humus.

We grow our dahlias naturally, without any forcing, but only grow as many as we are able to give proper care. We always have plenty of blooms which we are proud to exhibit at as many of the shows as we can attend, that you and your friends may see and grow them as we do.

NEW FOREIGN AND AMERICAN DAHLIAS FOR 1939

Root Plant Cutting

ADOLF MAYER , S. C. Deep velvety maroon, with a real black sheen toward the centre. Stem and form of the large blooms perfect	1.00	.60
ALICE MAY , I. D. Tremendous size blooms, often 12"x8". Beautifully formed flowers, fine stem. A white Lord of Autumn. Won as "BEST BLOOM IN THE SHOW" at Cleveland	3.75	2.50
ALOHA , I. D. Warm orange, with a gold glow and yellow at base of petals. Beautiful loose flowerform and long stem. 1939 Holland introduction	1.75	1.00
AMERICAN PURITY , S. C. A large glistening white long straight stems. Fine exhibition .....	.75	.50
*ANDRIES SUPERBA , C. Blood red Miss Belgium, excellent cutflower	1.25	.75 .50
*ARABELLA , S. C. Lilac rose, white toward the tips .....	.75	.50. 30
*BALLERINA , Str. C. Light salmon orange with a touch of peach red	1.25	.75 .50
*BALLEGO'S SURPRISE , S. C. Large perfect pure white .....	.50	.50 .30
BEAUTY OF THE GARDEN , S. C. Beautiful deep crimson. 1938 Holland .....	.75	.50 .30
*BERGER'S JEWEL , Str. C. Lilac pink .....	.75	.50 .30
BLUE RIVER , F. D. Large blooms, color lilac blue .....	.50	.50 .30
*BOLIDE , S. C. Salmon with violet sheen on reverse and a little yellow at the base. 1938 Holland	1.00	.50 .30
D'ARCY SAINSBURY , F. D. Giant pure white. Many times a prize winner	1.25	.75 .50
DOCTOR VERHAGE , I. D. Pomegranite-red with orange -amber tips. ....	.75	.50
*DOMINANT , C. Beautiful cactus of immense size. Lilac-pink, suffusing purple and sulphur yellow at the center. A special show variety. Holland 1939	2.50	1.50
*EMINENT , C. Cardinal red with geranium red glow and yellow at the base. Beautifully formed petals folded inward. Holland 1939	1.75	1.00
*ENKART PRIMA , S. C. Soft deep salmon with a deep yellow center. Perfect keeping qualities, for exhibition and cutting. Winner, Belgian Challenge Cup, 1937	2.50	1.25
*FRAU IDA MANSFIELD , Str. C. Buttercup yellow The best in this class .....		.30
*FRAU MARIE KIPKE , S. C. Rich orange-red, gold centre and tips of petals .....	.50	.30
*FRAU O'BRACHT S. C. Pale lemon .....	.50	.50 .30
FREDA GEORGE , I. D. Large blooms, cream pink overlaid helio, with deep cream at base of petals. Attractive, exhibition variety of merit	2.00	1.00 .60

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* GOLDEN DROP , Medium size, cut flower type, good keeper. Chromat yellow with reddish orange glow, very free-flowering	1.00	.60
GREATER GLORY , S. C. - C. Bright violet rose. Very large flowers. Many times a prize winner	1.00	.60
* HASLEROVA , F. D. Giant exhibition. White, splashed and dotted carmine .....	.75	.50 30
HUNT'S VELVET WONDER , I. D. Violet purple ....	.50	.30
* INSPIRATION , I. C. Clear yellow, long straight stems .....	.50	.50 .30
* ISIS , Str. C. Apricot yellow with bright rose glow changing into bronze. Early and free bloomer. Long, erect stems	1.00	.60
* JULIUS C. BUNGE , Str. C. A magnificent dahlias on long stiff stems, produced freely and with perfect keeping qualities. Lovely shade of rosy pink. Fine for exhibition	1.00	.60
* KARDINAL VON ROSSUM , I. C. Large flowers of deep purple, strong stems and very free-flowering	1.00	.50 .30
KOONGARRA BEAUTY , I. D. Rich golden bronze, great depth and good stem .....	.75	.50 .50
* LAETARE , S. C. Fiery orange red, tipped yellow.....	.50	.30
* LES 4 AVIATEURS CISELET , C. Terra-cotta with copper sheen, good bloomer, strong stem.....	1.00	.65
* LOIS WALCHER , I. D. A true pansy-purple tipped one third white. Winner of six achievement medals. Two distinct colors, with no variations...	3.50	
LORD OF AUTUMN , I. D. Huge pure yellow.....	1.00	.50 .30
* MADAM C. JUSSIANT , C. Light lilac violet, an abundant bloomer and excellent cutflower.....	1.00	.60
* MADAM GEO. PEZANT , I. C. Large deep flowers, blood red .....	.75	.50 .30
* MASCOTTE , I. C. Beautiful flowers of crimson pink with a little yellow in the centre.....	1.50	1.00 .60
* MISS BELGIUM , Str. C. Bright orange .....	.50	.30
MONARCH OF THE EAST , I. D. A giant golden yellow with a rich apricot suffusion, on long sturdy stems	2.00	1.25
MOOI (Fine) LIMBURG , I. D. Geranium red, florets broad and waived .....	.75	.50 .30
* MR. PIERRE LUNDEN , C. Fine cactus for cut-flower, rose with gold at centre, reverses and tips lovely clear lilac	1.00	.60
MRS. E. C. WILDON , F. D. Brilliant scarlet, with orange-buff reverse	2.00	1.25
MRS GEO. LE BOUTILLIER , I. D. Giant blooms, carmine-red .....	.50	

* MRS. HERBERT O'CONNER , S. C. Beautiful rose-pink, extra long straight stems .....	.75	.50	.30
MRS. WM. KNUDSEN , I. D. Very large, pure white highly recommended		2.00	1.25
MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE , I. D. Velvety rad .....	.75	.50	.30
NAGEL'S GIANT , I. D. Massive flowers, of rich salmon with gold. Attractive foliage, good stem, and free and early bloomer. Fine exhibition		2.00	1.25
* NAGEL'S ORANGE , Str. C. Improved Miss Belgium Well formed, free-flowering		1.00	.60
PEACE , I. D. White		2.00	1.25
* PHANTOM , Dec. Bright lilac-rose, with pure white tips, free bloomer .....		.50	.30
* POLICHINELLE , Str. C. Mauve rose, long cane-like stems. Excellent keeper .....	.75	.50	.30
* POESIE MORAVY , I. D. White with lovely lilac shadings .....	.75	.50	.30
PRIDE OF AMERICA , S. C. Large blooms, primrose yellow .....	.75	.50	.30
* PRIMROSE , S. C.- C. Soft, pleasing buff with primrose shadings. Reverse of petals rosy pink. Beautiful, free-flowering plants		2.00	1.25
* PETUNIA , I. C. Deep lilac, long straight stem .....	.75	.50	.30
* RED FAVOURITE , S. C. Brilliant red. Strong straight stems. Fine cutflower .....	.75	.50	.30
RED SALUTE , F. D. Crimson red, large and distinctive blooms		2.00	1.25
* RIFLE , I. C. Large perfect blooms, a lovely salmon rose with golden centre. Free-blooming, beautiful formation and coloring	1.00	.50	.30
ROBERT L. RIPLEY , I. D. Immense blooms, rhodimine purple		1.50	.75
* SAARLAND'S HEIMKEHR , Str. C. Rose, flushed yellow at centre .....	.50		.30
* SCARLET LEADER , S. C. Beautiful big flowers, a vivid poppy-red, surpassing all existing red varieties. Vigorous growth, strong stems, good keeper when cut. Holland 1939		3.00	1.75
SLEEPY HOLLOW , I. C. Large flowers of shell-pink shading to creamy-white at centre		2.00	1.25
* THE OHIOAN , Str. C. Pleasing rose-red. Strong stems, early and free-flowering	2.00	1.00	.60
* TROPIC STAR , C Outstanding orange-red with bright orange yellow centre. Blooms free and early. Fine cutflower	1.25	.75	.50
VLAMMENSPEL , S. C. Fiery-red. Spiral shaped flowers.50		.

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VOLCANO, I. D. Orange and flame-red	1.00	.60
*VONDEL, S. C. Deep orange with salmon glow.....	1.75	1.00
Extra long and strong stems. Holland, 1939	1.75	1.00
WAR ADMIRAL, I. D. Salmon and rose pink bloom of immense size.	1.25	.75
*WEISSE DAME, S. C. Pure white, very free-flower- ing, excellent for cutting .....	.50	.30
*WEISSER HIRSCH, Str. C. Fine white cactus, for exhibition or cutting .....	.50	.30
*WHITE NAGEL'S SUPERB, Dec. Pure, white, excel- lent cutflower	1.00	.60
YELLOW MARVEL, S. C. Deep yellow with extra extra long, strong stems50	.30

MINIATURES AND SMALL CUTFLOWER VARIETIES

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ANDRIES ORANGE, C. Bright orange, Excellent cutflower, good keeper. 1938 Holland	1.00	.50	.30
BABY ROYAL, S. C. Salmon pink	15	.	.
GLORIOUS, I. D. Raspberry red. ....			.30
GUTT GLUCK, I. D. Violet tipped white .....			.30
GOLDORANGE, D. Bedding .....			.30
HELLY BOUDEWIJN, D. Perfectly formed white flowers. Free-flowering with long wiry stems. Keeps long in water. 1938 Holand	1.25	.75	.50
LITTLE CITRON, S. C. Pale yellow. Recommendable for garden or cutting. 1938 Holland	1.25	.75	.50
LITTLE DIAMOND, C. Graceful small-flowered dahlia of beauty, with strong stem. Color is purple pink, with sulphur-yellow at the centre. Very free-flowering. Holland, 1939		2.00	1.25
LITTLE JENNY, S. C. Beautiful small flowers are flesh coloured with canary yellow in the centre. Petals are a little curled. Long, strong stems, perfect habits. 1938 Holland	2.00	1.00	.65
LITTLE SNOW QUEEN, S. C. Pure white .....	.35		.30
LITTLE SUNBEAM, S. C. Orange, with a sheen of salmon and yellow. 1938 Holland	1.25	.75	.50
MARKET GLORY, C. Lilac pink. Extra long stems, and an excellent cutflower .....	.50		.30
MARKET JEWEL, S. C. Velvety red. Fine for cutting. Lasts long in water .....	.50		.30
SANHICAN'S SWEETHEART, S. C. Apricot buff .....			.25
TIP, S. C. Bright sulphur-yellow. A remarkable free bloomer, with thin cane-like stems. Extra good keeper, and fine cutflower		1.00	.65

Varieties marked * are excellent cutflowers, recommended for their blooming and keeping qualities.

To some of you who have never tried our dahlias, we are making a special introductory offer of the following collection:

- 5 — Large exhibition type dahlias
- 5 — Fine cactus dahlias
- 2 — Excellent small type dahlias 3½" to 5".

No two alike, and all properly labeled, the twelve, in good healthy roots for \$6.00 or in plants ready to set out in your garden, for \$3.00 postpaid.

With every \$6.00 retail order (collection not excepted) we will include a plant, your choice, of either Red Salute, Sleepy Hollow or Monarch of the East.

The following are unsolicited letters which we were proud to receive last year.

Bedford Dahlia Gardens,
Bedford, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—

"I wish to congratulate you on the fine cuttings you sent me. They were rooted fine, packed in excellent shape and best of all every one is in my garden growing fine. I did not have as good success with some I received from other growers and I am ordering a few more of you."

Very respectfully,

Dr. A. M. Blake,
Waunakee, Wis.

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Dear Sir:—

"Received the plants yesterday in fine shape. Thank you very much. They are some of the finest I have ever received. You will hear from me again next year."

Very respectfully,

Reinhard B. Riebert,
Port Huron, Mich.

Quantity Discount—Twelve of one variety for the price of ten. Three at the dozen rate, on plants and cutting only.

Roots will be sent after April 15th, by parcel post, unless otherwise requested.

Terms—Cash with order. Orders to the amount of \$3.00 or over shipped prepaid. On plant and cutting order add 25c for special delivery. No cutting order received for less than \$3.00.

On retail orders in Ohio, 3% should be added for Sales Tax.

We guarantee all stock sent out in first class growing condition, true to name, and healthy, and if given proper care after receiving and planting, they should prove satisfactory.

Prices on rooted cuttings are strictly net.

Our dahlias are State and Federal inspected.

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